


EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of East Hertfordshire District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Wallfields, Hertford on Wednesday 22nd February, 2012 at 7.00 pm, for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the Agenda below, and you are hereby summoned to attend.

Dated this 9th day of February 2012



Jeff Hughes
Head of Democratic and
Legal Support Services

Note: The meeting will commence with prayers. Those Members who do not wish to participate will be invited to enter the Chamber at their conclusion.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements

To receive any announcements.

2. Minutes (Pages 7 - 20)

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 December 2011.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Members' declarations of interest.

4. Petitions

To receive any petitions.

5. Public Questions

To receive any public questions.

6. Members' questions

To receive any Members' questions.

7. Executive Report - 10 January 2012 (Pages 21 - 26)

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council and to consider the following recommendations:

(A) Monthly Corporate Healthcheck - November 2011

Minute 541 refers.

8. Executive Report - 7 February 2012

To receive a report (to follow) from the Leader of the Council and to consider the following recommendations:

(A) Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2012/13 and Minimum Revenue Policy Provision

(B) Capital Programme 2011/12 (Revised) - 2014/15

(C) Fees and Charges 2012/13

(D) Service Estimates - Probable Outturn 2011/12: Revenue Budget 2012/13

(E) Consolidated Budget Report and 2012/13 - 2015/16 Medium Term Financial Strategy

(F) Local Authority Mortgage Scheme

9. Development Control Committee: Minutes - 4 January 2012 (Pages 27 - 44)

Chairman: Councillor W Ashley

10. Human Resources Committee: Minutes - 11 January 2012 (Pages 45 - 54)

Chairman: Councillor J Ranger

(A) Pay Policy Statement 2012/13

Minute 548 refers.

11. Joint Meeting of Scrutiny Committees: Minutes - 17 January 2012 (Pages 55 - 62)

Chairman: Councillor D Andrews

12. Audit Committee: Minutes - 18 January 2012 (Pages 63 - 68)

Chairman: Councillor J Ranger

13. Human Resources Committee: Minutes - 19 January 2012 (Pages 69 - 70)

Chairman: Councillor J Ranger

14. Development Control Committee: Minutes - 1 February 2012 (Pages 71 - 86)

Chairman: Councillor W Ashley

15. Joint Meeting of Scrutiny Committees: Minutes - 14 February 2012

To follow.

16. Members Allowances 2012/13 (Pages 87 - 108)

To receive a report from the Head of Democratic and Legal Support

Services.

17. Motions on Notice

To receive Motions on Notice.

PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

1. A Member with a personal interest in any business of the Council who attends a meeting of the Authority at which the business is considered must, with certain specified exemptions (see section 5 below), disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest prior to the commencement of it being considered or when the interest becomes apparent.
2. Members should decide whether or not they have a personal interest in any matter under discussion at a meeting. If a Member decides they have a personal interest then they must also consider whether that personal interest is also prejudicial.
3. A personal interest is either an interest, as prescribed, that you must register under relevant regulations or it is an interest that is not registrable but where the well-being or financial position of you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association, is likely to be affected by the business of the Council more than it would affect the majority of inhabitants of the ward(s) affected by the decision.
4. Members with personal interests, having declared the nature of that personal interest, can remain in the meeting, speak and vote on the matter unless the personal interest is also a prejudicial interest.
5. An exemption to declaring a personal interest applies when the interest arises solely from a Member's membership of or position of general control or management on:
 - any other body to which they have been appointed or nominated by the authority
 - any other body exercising functions of a public nature (e.g. another local authority)

In these exceptional cases, provided a Member does not have a prejudicial interest, they only need to declare their interest if they speak. If a Member does not want to speak to the meeting, they may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

6. A personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest in a matter if all of the following conditions are met:
 - the matter does not fall within one of the exempt categories of decisions
 - the matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter
 - a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

7. Exempt categories of decisions are:
- setting council tax
 - any ceremonial honour given to Members
 - an allowance, payment or indemnity for Members
 - statutory sick pay
 - school meals or school transport and travelling expenses: if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full-time education or you are a parent governor, unless it relates particularly to the school your child attends
 - housing; if you hold a tenancy or lease with the Council, as long as the matter does not relate to your particular tenancy or lease.
8. If you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting, you must declare that interest and its nature as soon as the interest becomes apparent to you.
9. If you have declared a personal and prejudicial interest, you must leave the room, unless members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, by statutory right or otherwise. If that is the case, you can also attend the meeting for that purpose. However, you must immediately leave the room once you have finished or when the meeting decides that you have finished (if that is earlier). You cannot remain in the public gallery to observe proceedings.
10. Members intending to make a declaration of interest, are invited to complete the form below and to hand this to Jeff Hughes or Martin Ibrahim, prior to the meeting. This will assist in recording all declarations. Members are still required to make a verbal declaration at agenda item 3.

Member:			
Minute or item number	Subject	Personal or Personal and Prejudicial	Nature